

READY FOR THE SHIP

"Jackies" Anxious to Get Aboard the Dixie.

TO COMMAND THE RIFLES

Captain S. S. Archibald, Though Willing to Enlist, Will Probably Be the Executive Officer of the Local Company.

It is not improbable that Captain S. S. Archibald will be in command of the Huntington Rifles when the company leaves Richmond with the other Virginia troops for Cuba. He was formerly the commandant of the company, resigned about a year ago to engage in business in Kentucky.

It is thought that Captain P. Thornton Marrye, who is now commander of the company, will be elected adjutant of the regiment. In that event there would be a vacancy in the Huntington Rifles. Captain Archibald, it is understood, is willing to shoulder a musket and enlist as a private, but he holds a commission and it is probable that he will be asked to take command of the company if Captain Marrye is promoted.

Four recruits were enlisted yesterday, increasing the muster roll to eighty-five. The call is for eighty-four men, but Captain Marrye hopes to enlist men who are not married, so that those who are bound by marital ties may be allowed to remain at home. Special drills are held at the armory at the Camp every day.

The men who enlist in the Huntington Rifles to go to Cuba will, while they are in the service of the government, receive the same pay as that given to volunteers in the standing army. The national government pays for infantry service at the following rates per month:

Private	\$13.00
Corporal	15.00
Sergeant	17.00
First Sergeant	22.00
Sergeant major	23.00
Second lieutenant	25.00
First lieutenant	26.00
Captain	30.00
Adjutant	35.00
Quartermaster	35.00
Regimental surgeon	40.00
Chaplain	45.00
Major	50.00
Lieutenant colonel	55.00
Colonel	60.00
Brigadier general	65.00
Major general	70.00

An ad-dump to a major general is allowed \$20 in addition to the pay of his rank, and a brigadier general \$150 additional, and an acting commissary of subsistence \$100 additional.

Mr. H. B. Alexander, who resides at No. 211 Thirtieth street, was the first man to respond to the call for recruits, which was made in the Daily Press yesterday morning. Mr. Alexander came to the Press office where the reserves are to be enrolled, and said he would never have cause to regret whenever his services were needed.

Those who desire to have their names placed on the reserve list, to be used in the event the national call for recruits is issued, will find their names and addresses to this office.

WANT TO FIGHT.

Maryland naval reserves on the receiving ship Franklin, at the Norfolk navy yard who await their ship, the Dixie, which is being fitted out here, are anxious for a "scrub" with the Spaniards.

That readiness which characterizes every old hunter who for the first time goes abroad seems to have entirely worn off, and, if the boys get around as lively on the Dixie when she is called into service with the enemy, the Spaniards have cause to regret having hired the young men from Maryland to help uphold the honor of the country.

Lieutenant Blount arrived at Norfolk Tuesday morning on the ship, and reported the Dixie, to use a slang word, "a beauty," with every accommodation and a fighter without, for she is heavily armed and armored. Lieutenant Blount, at once assumed command of the "Jackies" and told them they were at liberty to enjoy themselves on the ship. The boys took him up, and indulged in many innocent gambles, but, as the ship is empty, and, judging from the appetites of the young tars, the doctor will lose his job soon. They are all very anxious to get away, because, as no shore leave is allowed, they are tired of looking out at the dirty looking buildings of the navy yard and the old time of the navy, which they are so close to the Franklin. What these sailors want is salt sea air and a brush with the enemy.

NAVAL RESERVES MEET.

There will be a meeting at 8 o'clock tonight at the Hall of Arms, and the members of the division of naval reserves which is being organized here under prominent auspices.

The recruiting committee, comprising Messrs. H. H. Garthright, B. J. Clendinst and Z. T. Jones, has met with considerable success in their efforts to organize a branch of the State naval militia, and to date have secured in enrolling thirty-three names. The full list of members is as follows:

G. E. WADDELL,
W. W. WADDELL,
P. NICHOLSON,
DOUG. RICHARDSON,
N. D. PITTMAN,
P. F. MASSIE,
A. J. COLES,
M. J. TABEE,
M. M. LAMPE,
WILLIAM B. SMITH,
N. H. GARTHRIGHT,
E. MORA,
CHARLES BARCLAY,
Z. T. JONES,
B. J. CLENDINST,
B. H. JINERHART,
C. H. KANE,
GRANVILLE SMITHSON,
B. G. GLENN,
B. F. FURY,
JAMES SAURBAUGH,
GEORGE W. FITCHETT,
HARRY GILPIN,
JOSEPH MANSFIELD,
O. RIDNICK,
C. W. WILLIAMS,
H. C. MILLER,
E. F. ROLK,
W. E. JONES,
FRANK A. SLOAN,
E. H. HOLBROOK.

These men will meet for the purpose of taking steps preliminary to a permanent organization. It is expected that more volunteers will be secured before the meeting and any able-bodied men who apply at the hall will be enrolled.

It is calculated to enlist at least fifty men who will stand ready to go as a body where they may be directed by the government. As soon as an or-

ganization is effected, Governor Tyler will commission the militia, which will be known as the Newport News Division, Virginia Naval Reserves, and officers will be permanently elected.

The recruiting committee is in communication with Lieutenant Charles C. C. of the Norfolk naval reserves and it is expected that he will be present at the meeting tomorrow night for the purpose of explaining the purposes of the organization and giving the men some idea of what will be expected of them.

CARS MUST STOP, TOO.

It was stated yesterday that an order has been issued by the War Department prohibiting entrance to the government reservation at Old Point after 9 o'clock at night, but the report has not been verified.

No cars will be permitted to cross the bridge after that hour and any persons found inside, it is said, will be ordered out.

The last car to leave Old Point will be at 9 o'clock.

An interesting question arises in connection with the guests at the hotels. The War Department is understood to keep all lodgers from the reservation after the hour mentioned.

It seems ridiculous to suppose that the agents of the War Department will keep the hotel guests in doors after 9 o'clock, nevertheless it is rumored that such is one of the purposes of the order.

THE GALE INTERFERES.

The work of laying mines in Hampton Roads was brought to a standstill yesterday by the heavy gale which was blowing off Old Point and the Capes as well as in the James River.

The working boats started out to resume their work where they left off yesterday night, but the water was too rough for the launch and the launchers returned to the shore.

The flag ship Brooklyn, which has been anchored off Fort Monroe since the squadron returned from its practice cruise, dragged her anchor yesterday morning about 8 o'clock and was carried almost upon the battleship Massachusetts, anchored off the Virginia Capes. The position of the Massachusetts was made so dangerous by the proximity of the flag ship that Captain Higginson ordered steam up and brought his ship nearer in shore, and far from where the Texas is anchored.

The day patrol at Old Point was practically abandoned for the time owing to the rough water. The little cutter which left the ships were obliged to tie up back in Mill Creek and the tug sought shelter in the hole.

The steamer Northampton, which put out from Norfolk, was obliged to return, the vessel being tossed about at the mercy of the waves in a manner which caused her officers and the passengers alarm.

The Cape Charles steamer New York arrived at the government wharf at 8 o'clock and tied up, but her hawsers parted in a twinkling and she drifted out until her engines were under control.

The tide was extremely high at Old Point and the water was washing over the seawall in front of the hotels.

The dories and small boats, which were drawn up on the beach when the storm came up yesterday, have been washed up on the sidewalk, over the breakwater.

It was reported yesterday that the Montgomery and Vicksburg, which conveyed the Panther out Tuesday morning, have returned to the Virginia Capes for shelter and will remain in sight until the gale subsides.

This report lacks confirmation. No fear is entertained for the safety of the warships, but it is regarded as a great risk to send the transport out in such a gale with 800 lives on board. The Panther was formerly the Vesuvius, of the Red D Line, and is an old vessel.

SHIPS WILL BE BUILT.

Local Shipbuilding Company Will Get the Contract for Building.

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company will get the contracts for building four coastwise transporters for the Morgan Line and two for the Cromwell Line.

That the Morgan and Cromwell lines, which are now crippled by the sale of El Norte, El Rio, El Sud and El Sur, will be revived, and the magnificent Creole by the other, to the government, will build new ships to take their places there is not the slightest doubt.

The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company will build these ships there is not the slightest doubt.

MATANZAS PORTS BOMBARDED

Three Hundred Shots Fired by the New York, Puritan and Cincinnati.

of Life Among the Spaniards. Blockading Squadron at Havana Remains Passive, Other Developments in the War Situation.

HALE OF IRON POURED AGAINST SPANISH BREASTWORKS

No Casualties on Board the Ships Although it is Supposed That There Was Loss of Life Among the Spaniards. Blockading Squadron at

Havana Remains Passive, Other Developments in the War Situation.

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ON BOARD THE FLAGSHIP NEW YORK, OFF MATANZAS, APRIL 27.—

2 P. M.—The New York, the Puritan and the Cincinnati bombarded the forts at the mouth of Matanzas harbor this afternoon. There were no casualties on our side, but it is believed that the hall of iron which pounded in the forts must have caused loss of life to the Spaniards, though nothing is known definitely. The engagement commenced at 12:57 and ceased at 1:15.

The object of the attack was to prevent the completion of the earthworks at Punta Gorda. A battery on the eastward arm of the bay opened fire on the flagship and this was also shelled. About twelve eight-inch shells were fired from the eastern forts, but all fell short. About five or six light shells were fired from the half completed battery. Two of these whizzed over the New York and one fell short. The ships left the bay for the open sea, the object of discovering the whereabouts of the batteries having been accomplished. In the neighborhood of three hundred shots were put on land from the three ships at a range of from four thousand to seven thousand yards.

Rear Admiral Sampson, when asked if he was satisfied with the result, said: "Yes, I am. I expected to be."

The half completed Spanish earthworks and battery were apparently all ploughed up by the shells.

All the ships engaged showed excellent marksmanship throughout the engagement, and when they were firing at the shortest range nearly every shell took effect. The forts which were bombarded were on a low-lying point and were considered merely earthworks. They did not make a good target, yet when the big guns were fired at the shortest range portions of the fort could be seen flying in the air at every shot.

The flagship returned to Havana, and the Puritan and Cincinnati were left at Matanzas station.

THE WAR SITUATION.

Blockading Squadron Remains Passive at Havana.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The war situation is substantially this: The blockading squadron remains passive before Havana with no present purpose of bombarding, or of drawing the fire of the shore batteries. The strategic purpose of effective blockade of the Cuban capital is being accomplished.

Two years ago today the Old Dominion steamer Wyandotte ran into the cruiser Columbus, which was anchored off the Casino, and was sunk. Yesterday marked the first anniversary of the great fire at the wharf, when two piers and three ships were burned, entailing a loss of \$1,500,000.

After the rain-mud.

No business of importance was transacted in the Corporation Court yesterday.

Lieutenant W. L. Hillyer went to Norfolk last evening on military business.

Genuine China dinner sets at \$15.50 and up. Three \$40.00 French China dinner sets at \$35.00 this week. 56 piece tea sets, gold band or fancy decorations at \$7.50. Adams Rocket Store, apr-7-98.

Negligee shirts guaranteed to fit you—and not Woodward & Womble.

the Spanish fleet three very important bases of operation. Late in the day the press dispatch from Lisbon saying that the cabinet council would declare neutrality tomorrow relieved this apprehension considerably. The effect of the decree will be to compel the Spanish fleet at Cape Verde to leave immediately. It is felt, however, that Portugal has done his neighbor a good turn in deferring the proclamation until tomorrow, as the Spanish fleet has been lying in stores and coal for several days past and doubtless will be fully equipped and ready to sail before the neutrality proclamation forces them out of Portuguese waters.

Columbia is the only south of Central American country, which has thus far declared neutrality. Spain has counted much on the co-operation of Spanish American countries, but there is no reason to doubt that all of them will adopt a neutral position.

Members of the diplomatic corps dismiss the report coming from Europe that another move toward European intervention will be made as soon as Spain suffers a decisive reverse. This is said to be purely conjectural and no such move has taken form since the exchange of notes. It is accepted as settled that no ships intended for the American navy can leave the port of these countries which have declared their neutrality. This result is most serious in the case of the cruiser Albany, now at the Armstrong yards, Elswick, England.

PINCH OF THE BLOCKADE.

Havana Beginning to feel the Effects of War.

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ON BOARD THE FLAGSHIP NEW YORK, OFF MATANZAS, April 27. A. M.—Key West, Fla., 4:55 P. M.—The blockade still continues without incident. No casualties have been reported to the flagship. Last night a torpedero boat DuPont arrived from Matanzas, reporting that there had been no more firing there and that the blockade was effectively established.

The fighting squadron is equipped with a force of small boats which, under cover of darkness, can get close in shore, where they are likely to prevent blockade running by little craft hugging the coast. The amount of provisions carried by the two coasting steamers into Havana last Saturday must have been so great as to prevent blockade running by the night cannot be taken as in any way a criterion of the blockade's effectiveness.

The appearance of the Spanish fleet and an attempt to raise the blockade contingencies that must be considered.

Information regarding the movement of the insurgents is meagre, but it is known that many are leaving Havana. The insurgent army is before shaping the exact terms of her neutrality proclamation. From the first Germany and Great Britain have opposed the right of search, as detrimental to British and German commerce. Thus far Spain has announced a much more radical doctrine than the United States on this matter. The Spanish order published in the official gazette last Monday, announced the purpose of exercising the right of search of all merchant ships on the high seas. The President's proclamation yesterday qualified the right of search by saying that "it is to be exercised with strict regard to the right of neutrals, and the voyage of mail steamers are not to be interfered with except on the clearest ground of suspicion, etc." It is understood that this matter of right of search is causing the hesitation on the part of Germany, and that if it is satisfactorily established that German merchant ships shall not be subject to harassment, Germany will adopt the same course as other nations.

The action already taken by the four of the six great powers shows there will be no concert of interference, either between the great powers or between the three powers consulting the driblet.

The attitude of Portugal is felt to be more important just at present than that of any of the powers of Europe, owing to the presence of the Spanish fleet at the Cape Verde Islands, belonging to Portugal. Neither the State Department nor the Portuguese minister at Washington, Viscount de Santos Thyro, had received word up to tonight as to the purpose of Portugal, on the question of neutrality. This caused considerable apprehension in official circles here, as it was felt that Portugal's vicinage to Spain might incline her to withhold neutrality for a time. She owns the Cape de Verde group, the Azores and the Madeiras, which would

Three Small Fires Yesterday.

There were two fires within two squares of each other yesterday morning about 9:30 o'clock, and both were caused by defective flues.

Shortly before 9:30 o'clock, the alarm was sounded, and the fire department hastened to the spot where the fire was conducted by Messrs. Johnson and Hoge, on Washington avenue, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets. A small blaze was discovered between the first and second floors, which was quickly extinguished by Chief Stew.

While the firemen were at the store, Chief was notified that there was another blaze in a house on Twentieth street, between Washington and Lafayette avenues. There was a fire from the first floor to the roof, but Chief Stew and his assistants soon subdued the flames.

Little damage was done in both buildings.

Another small fire occurred last night. At 8:30 o'clock a room was turned in at the station under the department responded promptly. The fire was in the second story of the servant's building just back of Colonel Carter. Mr. Carter's residence on Washington avenue. The flames, which originated from a stove pipe about which clothing had been hung to dry, were soon extinguished.

Police Court.

The following cases were disposed of in the Police Court yesterday morning:

Charles Hayman, drunk; fined \$2.50 and costs.

Frank Coker, William Nealos, William McCoe and John Nealos, charged with vagrancy, were insured to get work at once or leave the city.

L. C. Vaughan, disorderly conduct, dismissed.

The cases against Robert Arrington, George Washington, Moses Moore and Henry Morton (all colored), charged with crap shooting, were continued to Friday.

The case against A. H. Gilmore, charged with permitting gambling in his saloon, was continued to Friday.

Death of a Little Girl.

Eva, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Post, died yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of her parents, No. 2411 Lafayette street. Her death was caused by spinal meningitis.

The funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from the residence.

Edwin L. Walbridge, a prominent attorney of Grand Rapids, Mich., has located in this city and will open an office in the Citizens and Marine Bank building. Mr. Walbridge carries with him personal letters from the judges and other prominent citizens of Michigan, certifying to his high standing at the bar and in business and social circles. He has practiced law continually for nineteen years and has served as prosecuting attorney, circuit court commissioner and city attorney. He was a member of the Michigan State Bar Association, and was for several years attorney for the Toledo, Ann Arbor and Northern Michigan railway. The Grand Rapids Herald says:

"Mr. Walbridge has occupied a prominent position at the Kent county bar, and has been an esteemed and highly valued member of society."

DAY FOR THE PRIMARY

Democrats Will Name Candidates for City Offices.

VOTING BEGINS AT NOON.

Polls Will Be Open From 12 M. to 9 P. M. Aspiration Confident of Victory.

Rules Governing the Election.

Today the Democrats of this city will select their candidates for the various municipal offices.

The method by which the nomination will be made is a legal one primarily with the same safeguards unknown around it to prevent fraud as are had on election day.

It is to be held on the lines of the Australian law, judging from the instructions issued. The polls will be open from noon until 9 P. M. There are to be two judges and one clerk to each ward, to be paid \$5 each. No vote can be cast unless one judge and the clerk, or both the judges, are present. The voter will get his ballot from the judge and prepare it in the booth. No candidate or person in any way interested can serve as judge or clerk. All voters must be registered. Any one not of age today, but who will attain his majority prior to election day, may vote. The police will enforce laws prohibiting persons from approaching nearer than forty feet of the booth who have no business there. Appeals from decisions will be made by the executive committee, also demands for a recount from the dissatisfied ones. The committee's decision in the matter is to be final. In case of death or declination—both highly improbable events—the one receiving the next highest number of ballots becomes the candidate, or a new election may be ordered in the discretion of the committee. Any dissatisfied candidate may, before noon of May 2, leave with the committee a written demand for a recount, leaving a similar one with the candidate that got the most votes.

The polling places will be as follows:

First Ward—Mrs. Wingfield's store on Seventeenth street.

Second Ward—Fire house on Jefferson avenue.

Third Ward—East end fire house.

Fourth Ward—Police Court room in the courthouse.

Fifth Ward—The old fire engine house on Twenty-eighth street, near Washington avenue.

Sixth Ward—Herman's furniture store.

Seventh Ward—The Hoffman house.

If J. Pluvius is not in a better mood than he was yesterday, when he pulled down the flood-gates, let loose the elements, the next night vote will be polled. The storm, however, did not dampen the ardor of the candidates. As they were hustling during the day and would in secret nocturnal meetings. Every fellow who is after an office is confident that he will win, or pretends to be sanguine, but after 9 o'clock at night, for some of them must be defeated.

For the principal offices, the names of the following gentlemen will be on the ticket:

For Mayor, A. A. MOSS.

For City Engineer, C. CARTER.

For City Sergeant, E. W. MILSTEAD.

For City Clerk, C. C. SMITH.

For Commonwealth's Attorney, J. K. M. NEWTON.

For Constable, C. W. ROBINSON.

For Constable, R. SAUNDERS SHIELD.

For Constable, WILLIAM MALEY.

For Constable, W. W. ROWELL.

For Constable, G. W. NORMENT.

In each ward a candidate for the common council and one for the office of justice of the peace will be nominated.

RATIFY THE CANDIDATES

Republican Factions Hold an Enthusiastic Meeting.

The two wings of the Republican party in this city have harmonized in a municipal campaign and a strong party will be made.

Last night the two factions, reluctant to call of Postmaster Fred Read and Mr. W. T. Hopkins, held a meeting in the rooms of the C. P. Huntington Republican League Club and unanimously ratified the ticket recently agreed on by the leaders. The candidates selected are:

Mayor—Dr. Joseph Charles.

City Sergeant—W. T. Hopkins.

Commonwealth's Attorney—A. C. Peachy.

Constable—C. C. Watt.

Overseer of the Poor—John Bird (colored).

Although the weather was inclement there was a large attendance, the hall being filled, and there were frequent outbreaks of applause while the several speakers were addressing the meeting.

After appointing a committee to wait on the candidates and notify them of their selection the meeting adjourned.

STORM KING RAGES.

Damage Done by the Wind in This City Yesterday.

The wind and rain storm which raged all day yesterday and up to a late hour this morning was one of the severest that has swept this section in a long time. As yet the extent of the damage has not been ascertained, but it is probable that a number of smacks and oyster boats were swamped, probably with the loss of life.

The storm broke up about 6 o'clock yesterday morning. The driving winds carried the rain in sheets and played havoc with shrubbery and small trees. On most of the streets the trees were uprooted and stripped of their leaves and limbs. Some damage was also done to the new buildings under construction, as the gale attained a velocity of fifty miles an hour.

There was little activity in shipping circles, as very few vessels arrived. It is reported that a number of ships put into Hampton Roads for shelter.

Ball Postponed.

J. Pluvius interfered with the ball which was to have taken place at the Casino last night under the auspices of the New News Democratic Club, and the committee found it necessary to postpone the affair indefinitely.

If you want to vote for the winning candidate, vote for W. Robinson for council from Fifth ward. He has lived in your midst for sixteen years. apr-28-98